

**BULLET THROUGH BRAIN**

**Despondent Young Engineer  
Shoots Himself on Casino.**

**BROTHER AND SISTER HERE**

**Relatives Arranging to Save His Position When James J. Simpson  
Commits Suicide—Student of Ingersoll.**

Despondent because he had been threatened with dismissal from his position as first assistant engineer of the Matson Navigation Company's new steamer *Wilhelmina*, unless he stopped drinking, John J. Simpson, a young marine engineer of Norfolk, committed suicide on the Casino sometime between 8 and 9 o'clock yesterday morning by shooting himself through the right temple with a .32-calibre revolver. While the body of the young man was lying cold in death on the river bank at the foot of Thirtieth street, extended, his brother and sister, Samuel Simpson and Mrs. Annie Simpson, of Norfolk, were conferring with Chief Engineer Barber, of the *Wilhelmina*, and arranging to have the young engineer retained on the ship and make the trip on her from this port to San Francisco, Cal.

That Simpson had contemplated suicide at least several hours before he ended his life is evident. He was last seen alive about 8 o'clock by H. C. Wooten and was at that time seated on one of the benches at the southern end of the Casino grounds. A little more than an hour later his dead body was found lying head downward on the Casino bank and near the edge of the breakwater across from the Casino ball park. A passer-by made the discovery and immediately notified Patrolman E. P. Moss, who reported the matter to police headquarters and to R. B. Gary, the city coroner.

**Rusty Revolver Close By.**  
When found the body was fully extended on the right side. Close by was a rusty Iver-Johnson revolver and there was a small hole in the left temple, where the bullet had passed out of the head. The body was lying in a pool of blood and when Dr. Gary turned it over after reaching the scene he found a gaping wound in the right temple, where the bullet had crashed through the skull and into the brain. Death probably was instantaneous.

Two empty shells were found in the gun and it is the opinion of the authorities that Simpson fired one shot to test the revolver which had been recently oiled and partially cleaned up. So far as has been learned no one heard either of the shots fired.

After viewing the body, Coroner Gary deemed an inquest unnecessary and had the body moved to Rouse's undertaking establishment.

**Brother and Sister Notified.**  
Chief of Police Reynolds then began a search for the relatives of the young man and he found that the brother and the sister were at the shipyard on board the *Wilhelmina*. He immediately notified them and they hurried to the undertaking place to identify the body. Mrs. Simpson was almost prostrated with grief. They left for Norfolk early in the afternoon and the body was sent there on the steamer *Virginia* at 5:40 o'clock.

Among the personal effects found on the dead man were membership cards showing that he was in good standing in Berkeley Lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M., Knights Templar; Ionic Chapter No. 46, R. A. M., of the same place; Norfolk Lodge No. 28, B. P. O. Elks; and the Marine Engineer's Beneficial Association. A knife, eyeglasses, a handsome gold watch and fifteen cents in money also were found in the pockets of the clothing.

**Student of Ingersoll's Works.**  
Memoranda found in his card case would indicate that the young engineer had been a student of the works of Robert H. Ingersoll. One of the memoranda reads as follows: "Stateroom Tuesday. 41 lectures by Robert H. Ingersoll, facts worth knowing."

Samuel Simpson told Chief Reynolds that he and his sister came to this city early yesterday morning to meet his brother straight and arrange for him to hold his position on the *Wilhelmina*. He signed up on the ship a week or more ago, but, it is said, had been drinking rather heavily for several days and finally he was informed by Chief Engineer Barber that unless he stopped drinking another man would be secured to fill his place. Early this week Barker wired to New York for a first assistant engineer and he arrived here yesterday morning.

**Straighten Out Matters.**  
In the meantime, the brother and sister were notified of the condition of affairs and they came here to look for the young man and make effort to have him retained on the vessel. They talked the matter over with Engineer Barber and arranged everything satisfactorily. It was Mr. Barker's intention to pay the new engineer's expenses back to New York and for his trouble in coming here and retain Engineer Simpson.

Simpson formerly was in the naval collier service and last year he made a trip from Newport News to San Francisco, Cal., as chief engineer of the lumber steamer *Nan Smith*, built at the local shipyard for a Pacific coast lumber company.

**SOCIAL-PERSONAL**  
Miss Welch gave a very enjoyable dance last night at her home, "Brightview" in honor of her guest, Miss Charlotte Thompson, of Richmond. Among those present were Misses Claudia Perkins, Sallie Corbell, Mabel Moran, Blanche Sinclair, Hazel Thompson, Fannie Wilcox, Charlotte Thompson, and Messrs. W. E. House, W. H. Dodge, Gilmore, Bryan Turner, Rice, Jarvis, Norman, Gregory and Frank Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. James, Mr. and Mrs. Emma, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Haynes were the patronesses. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served in the parlors of the house.

Mrs. Charles C. Moss and little daughter, Florence, will leave today for Richmond to spend a month with Mrs. Moss' parents.

Mrs. Rupert Cowles and children have returned to Bath, Me., after spending a month in this city as the guests of Mrs. Cowles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Meanley, on Thirty-fifth street.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Moore and little daughter, Florence Charlotte, who have been the guests of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Davis, on Twenty-eighth street, have returned to their home in Whitwell, Va.

Mr. William A. Hayes entertained the Booklover's Club at her home on W. at avenue this week.

Mrs. A. J. Saunders, who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Mrs. J. P. Pressy has as her guests on the Boulevard, Messdames George Wilson and Zazaley, of Philadelphia.

Miss Mabel Berryman, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Davidson in this city.

The Misses Martin have as their guest on Jefferson avenue their cousin, Miss Margaret Howe, of Philadelphia.

Miss Katherine Riley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Elliott, on Huntington avenue, has returned to her home in Smithfield.

Dr. Millard Saunders has returned to Norfolk after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saunders, on Thirty-third street.

**WANT MEMBERS TO ATTEND.**  
Directors of Chamber of Commerce Would Have City Well Represented.

All members of the local Chamber of Commerce who can conveniently do so are urged by the board of directors to attend the Southern Commercial Congress and the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington, D. C., this month. The former is to be held on December 8 and 9 and the latter on December 8, 9 and 10.

The directors of the chamber want to see this city well represented at both meetings. Eight delegates to the rivers and harbors congress have been named from this city.

**Prof. C. F. Gilliam Elected.**  
News was received here yesterday that Dr. C. F. Gilliam, who lived here several years has been elected superintendent of the Ohio State hospital for the insane.

**Treasurer Curtis Furnishes Bond.**  
City Treasurer J. M. Curtis, who was again re-elected in the recent election, qualified before Judge Barham in the Corporation Court yesterday morning, giving bond in the sum of \$50,000. A Philadelphia Trust Company was accepted as surety.

**Dairymen's Cases Continued.**  
In the police court yesterday morning Justice Brown continued the cases of the twelve dairymen charged with violating the milk ordinance in order to give them time in which to comply with the law.

**Read News & Co.'s "Want ad." of cheap homes in want column. 19**

**HE OBEYED COMMAND**

**Ordered to "Fall Out" Artilleryman Leaves Fort.**

**ARRESTED IN THIS CITY**

**Charged That he Stole Civilian Suit and Derby Hat From Fellow Soldier Before Taking His Departure From Old Point.**

Upon the request of the authorities of Fort Monroe, Richard Chandler, a young artilleryman from the Fort, was arrested in this city yesterday evening and is now in jail on the charge of being a fugitive from justice. He is wanted at the fort on a charge of desertion and larceny.

Chandler is a new recruit and when his company was having the regular morning drill yesterday his work was so bad that the drill sergeant ordered him to "fall out." Chandler complied hurriedly, leaving for his quarters. When the drill was over and the soldiers returned to their quarters, it was found that one of the artillerymen found that some one had relieved him from the fort on an investigation and a new derby hat.

Later in the day Chandler was missed from the fort and investigation was begun. It was found that a man answering his description and wearing civilian clothes had left Old Point on a street car and the fort authorities immediately notified the police of this city, Hampton and Phoebus.

Chandler was picked up in Rocketts yesterday evening by Patrolman Edwards and sent to the station house. He will be taken back to the fort this morning.

**CLASS EXERCISES AT ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY**

**Interesting Program Rendered at the Regular Monthly Celebration.**

The regular monthly class exercises, consisting of public awarding of honors, and standing of students for the month of November, were held yesterday at St. Vincent's Boys' Academy.

Unusual interest was manifested in scholarship throughout the month, and as a consequence many excellent averages were made. The honor man or leader in each class being the following: John GreenSmith, John B. Oakley, Herbert Tighe, Edgar Carroll, Alvin Twyman, Patrick McElrath, Arthur August, George Dougherty, Raymond Tighe, Francis Hagan, Robert Cassidy.

The following young men attained an average of 90 per cent: Samuel Hickey, Desmond Fitzgerald, Edgar Carroll, Francis Hagan, Fletcher Martin, Joseph Morgan, Robert Cassidy, John Oakley, Herbert Tighe, Leroy Atkinson, Joseph Boyle, Patrick McElrath, Vincent Sirio, Arthur August.

Above 75; but less than 90 was merited by Frederick Lazarich, Joseph Murphy, John GreenSmith, Edward Fay, Clinton Patterson, Edmund Seull, Francis Schwalenberger, Robert Wade, Philip Wilson, Robert Mackey, Thomas Tierney, John Fenimore, Michael Green, Dennis Antinori, Alvin Twynham, Paul Lewis, Joseph St. Clair, James Mackey, Edward Forelich, Elmer Furze, Thomas Regan, George DeShazer, Noel Austin, James Faine, Clifford White, Vincent Denmark, Francis Gatti, George Todd, Anthony Vatala, Stephen Nierasky, Benjamin Fortunata, John Gares, Jas. Oakley, William Gares, Francis Molone, Charles Burke, Hubert Smith, Walter Boyle, Francis Tuigs, Robert Montgomery, Joseph Glonczung, Renate Gaeta, Roy Tighe, Marion Denmark, Francis Tighe, James McCarthy, Charles Fay, Stanley Nierasky, Joseph Wispell, John Pollock Thomas Clayton, Zora Pazina, Robert Gares. Opening Chorus.....Te Deum

Recitation.....A. Valorous Deed  
Edgar Carroll.  
Essay.....Literature  
John GreenSmith.  
Violin Solo.....Hearts and Flowers  
Edwin Seull.  
Humorous Readings.....Selected  
By a Senior.  
Declaration.....The Seminole's Reply  
Francis Gatti.  
Vocal Solo.....Locals  
Declaration.....Loyal to the Last  
Robert Mackey.  
Musical Recitation.....The Last Hymn  
Harry Boyd.  
Finale.....Onward  
Vocal Class.

**ARRESTED FOR ROBBING  
O. D. STEAMER MOBJACK**

**Young Swede Taken Into Custody at Shipyard on Charge of Housebreaking.**

Charged with breaking into and robbing the Old Dominion Line steamer *Mobjack*, now repairing at the shipyard, John Wickland, a young Swede, was arrested yesterday by Special Officer Applebee, of the shipyard force, and locked up at the station house. The arrest was made on a warrant sworn out by Chief Engineer W. E. Parrot, of the *Mobjack*.

It is charged that Wickland broke into a locker on the ship and stole a quantity of brass and brass rings. The man stoutly denies that he committed any robbery.

**Roman Statesman Dead.**  
ROME, Dec. 3.—Signor Alessandro Fortis, former Premier and Minister of the Interior who had been ill for several months at Remi, died today.

**At the Academy**

Mr. Frederick Warde, the tragedian, who has given up his work on the stage to devote his time to the lecture platform, delivered a very enjoyable and instructive lecture last night at the Academy of Music on Shakespeare and his works. The lecture was under the auspices of the Radcliff Entertainment Bureau.

A fairly large and representative audience gathered in the playhouse and, judging from the expressions of many while leaving the house at the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. Warde delighted his audience.

Mr. Warde first gave a short sketch of Shakespeare's life and then briefly discussed his works in general, showing that he received material for all of his plays from histories and from the old Grecian and Roman writers. He told how Shakespeare had taken these crude stories and disjointed facts and woven them into the greatest masterpieces of any language.

In passing, the speaker dwelt for a short time upon the theory that Sir Francis Bacon and not Shakespeare wrote the works ascribed to the latter and he paid his respects to the originators and supporters of this theory.

In discussing the wit, philosophy and the truths found in the famous dramatic works, Mr. Warde quoted at random from the plays, acting the part of the player into whose mouth the words were put and his efforts were rewarded with bursts of applause from his hearers.

**START CHRISTMAS POTS TO "BOILING" TODAY**

**Salvation Army Corp Begin Preparations for Giving Annual Dinner to the Poor.**

Captain J. H. Bloethe, commanding the local post of the Salvation Army, announced yesterday that the Christmas pots will start "boiling" this morning. The pots will be placed along Washington avenue and all of the money received will be used in purchasing food stuffs for the annual Christmas dinner which the Army gives for the poor people of the city.

Besides putting out the pots, the Army has appealed to local people for clothes, toys and other suitable presents which may be given to the poor and needy at Christmas time. Captain Bloethe hopes to be able to fix up nice Christmas baskets for all of the poor of this city and section and he expects a generous response from the public at large to this cause.

**NEGRO CHARGED WITH ROBBERY BOSTON STORE**

**James Woodson Alleged to Have Broken Into Place and Stolen Money.**

James Woodson, a young negro, is a prisoner at the city jail on the charge of having broken into and robbed The Boston Store, 2908 Washington avenue, sometime Wednesday night. Justice Brown continued his preliminary hearing yesterday morning until next week.

Woodson was arrested Thursday on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery, but was not entered on the police blotter. Chief Reynolds and Acting Detective Sergeant Pearson questioned the negro closely, but he denied his guilt. Later, however, the officers discovered what they considered good evidence against the man and the charge of housebreaking was entered against him.

**NO HOPE FOR RECOVERY OF MAJOR MORGAN**

**Superintendent of Penitentiary Barely Alive and End is Expected Momentarily.**

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 3.—Major Evan F. Morgan, superintendent of the Virginia penitentiary, is barely alive today, and his end is expected at almost any moment now. He is in a comatose condition, which shows that his malady has reached an alarming state. No hope whatsoever for his recovery is entertained.

Major Morgan was elected superintendent of the penitentiary in 1907.

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tendant of the State prison just four years ago tomorrow. He succeeded Samuel M. Bolling, now clerk of courts of Bedford county, who held the office only a few months before resigning.

During that period, as well as during the regime of the late Major Helms, the incumbent superintendent was assistant to the head of the penitentiary.

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